



Feb 2 Share Your Table Food Donations for Micah 6, Goodie Box Donations for College Youth

Feb 5 Roundtable Ministry Meetings 5:30pm Sapp Hall

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 Volunteer to serve God's Family Dinner at UBC to 200 needy people

Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7 am Sapp Hall

Feb 7-9 Youth Mid-Winter Retreat in Brownwood

Feb 9 Taize 7:30pm Atrium

Feb 10 S.I.S. 7pm Mary Morgan's Home

Feb 15 9:30am Parenting Class with Courtney Morton

Feb 16 Ministry Council Meeting 12:30pm Sapp Hall

Feb 22 Women's Book Club discusses "Shakespeare Saved My Life" 10am Parlor; Pack 55 Pinewood Derby Sapp Hall

Feb 23 Scout Sunday with Troop 410

HPBC Barnabas People



Tom Morrow

Serving faithfully at the sound board in the sanctuary every Sunday

From Our Pastor An Interfaith Lunch: Friends in Faith



I had the amazing opportunity to attend a luncheon last week at Chez Zee. The luncheon was called Friends in Faith and was put on by iACT – Interfaith Action of Central Texas.

I admit I was a little hesitant walking across the street as I had much to do and taking the time to sit at a luncheon for two hours was just not what I wanted to do that day. But I went, because I had said I would and because I knew I needed to do those kinds of things.

I walked into the room and saw very few familiar faces, maybe one or two people that I knew of, but who probably didn't know me. I was relieved when I saw my friend Brent Bowden, pastor at Sanctuary. We talked for a few minutes, caught up with each other, and then a woman joined us. I discovered she was pastor at a United Methodist church here in town, and we began to get acquainted. Before long, we realized her husband was pastor of one of the Micah 6 churches. So we knew each other, and the dots began to connect.

Before too long, Rabbi Alan Freedman from Temple Beth Shalom came in and sat down at our table. Then Rev. Merrill Wade from St. Matthew's Episcopal sat down, as did a woman from the Baha'i faith. Before too long we were the very definition of iACT. How more interfaith could you get? What an amazing conversation we had around the table. Merrill talked about his involvement in the local music scene and with South by Southwest, and how he's been using those connections in his church. We visited about women in ministry and how hard it is to connect with other women.

Our speakers, Rev. David Boyd from St. David's Episcopal Church and Earl Maxwell, CEO of St. David's Foundation, spoke about their close relationship, which grew out of a group that gathered together each month to talk about leading nonprofits. The theme for the luncheon was the importance of building groups – finding people who do similar work and building time into your schedule to sit down to learn how others do things, to get ideas, brainstorm, see how others view things, and, frankly, ...just vent sometimes.

As I walked back across the street that very cold afternoon, I thought to myself, "What better way could I have spent this time?" Sometimes we think our lives are just fine the way they are. If we'll only open ourselves up to seeing those people around us, to sharing our stories with others, God can certainly bless those relationships and help us to grow.

Your pastor,
Cheryl Kimble

Making a Difference We Are Called Serving in our Church and Serving outside our Walls

Rise School breaks ground on their new school at Mueller to be ready this summer



Micah 6 Youth Drop-In volunteers Mac McKaskle, Sue Moss, and Craig Bell accept a trunkful of shoe and sock donations from our S.I.S. group



Austin Baptist Community Center Mission's Pat Mustoe welcomes volunteers every morning for the mission's bread ministry, such as these women from First Baptist Kyle

What about music? Catherine Bartoli welcomes new choir members and can use all kinds of musical talent



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Worship of the Lord

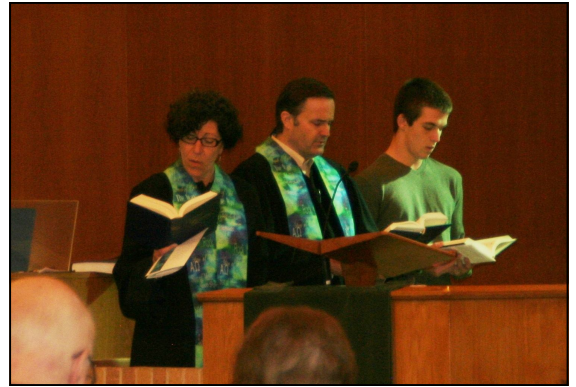
Feb. 2 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Rev. Kyle Childress, pastor of Austin Heights Baptist Church in Nacogdoches, preaches at 10:55 a.m., “Keeping the Faith;” Celebration of Communion, Share Your Table food gathering.

Feb. 9 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., “When was the Last Time you were Delighted?”; Taize worship service at 7:30 p.m. in the Atrium, with music, prayer, meditation, candlelight.

Feb. 16 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., “Cut and Dry.”

Feb. 23 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., “Building Against the Norm.”

March 2 Transfiguration Sunday Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., “Sometimes a Light Surprises.”



Wednesday Weavings: Fellowship Dinner and Programs

Join us for supper on Wednesday evenings when we share a meal prepared by one of our four cooking teams. We begin our meal at 5:30 p.m. in Sapp Hall, and everyone is welcome. If it is your first time to eat with us, we want you to be our guest for dinner. Adult plates are \$6; kid’s plates and half plates are \$4; family max is \$18. After dinner and a time of prayer and announcements, we have programs for adults, kids and teens to learn more about loving one another, doing justice, and walking humbly with God.

Feb. 5 Ministry Meetings and Presentations Meet with your ministry around the dinner table beginning at 5:30 p.m., and we’ll wrap up with reports from ministries and a time of prayer

Feb. 12 Vespers Service After our 5:30 p.m. dinner and time of prayer and announcements, we’ll meet in the Sanctuary for a vespers service.

Feb. 19 Booktalk with Judson Edwards “Quiet Faith: An Introvert’s Guide to Spiritual Survival” is Jud Edwards most recent book. This retired pastor and writer for Smyth & Helwys materials lives in Cedar Park, and we have been pleased to have Jud and his wife Sherry visit with us in worship a few times.

Feb. 26 Church Conference After dinner we will have a quarterly Church Conference with reports from our Ministry Council.



Sheila Allee booktalked “My Father’s Eyes” at Wednesday Weavings

Ministry Fair Sunday — We Are Called To be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of God



Ministry Fair Sunday — We Are Called To be hope for the hopeless, hatred and blindness will be no more



A Holy Crusade for Freedom and Dignity Remembering Birmingham by Kristin Werner

On September 15, 2013, I traveled to Birmingham, Alabama, to attend the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church. This racially-motivated bombing, inarguably one of the most galvanizing moments in all of American history, took the lives of four African-American girls: Addie Mae Collins, 14; Denise McNair, 11; Cynthia Wesley, 14; and Carole Robertson, 14. The memorial service I attended in Birmingham was part of a larger, citywide celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement. For months, the city hosted various events, memorials, concerts, films, and educational seminars to mark the birth of this movement that, quite literally, changed the world.

Last month, through story, song, and photos, I did a presentation about this trip as part of our Wednesday Weavings educational program. I am so thankful to our staff, our Christian Education Ministry, and to all of you for giving me the opportunity to do this, and to do it so near the day we honor the memory of Martin Luther King Jr.

One of the last photographs that I showed in this presentation was of a plaque that sits outside the 16th Street Baptist Church, marking the church as an official historic landmark. The words pay tribute to the fallen children, referring to them as “martyred heroines of a holy crusade for freedom and human dignity.”



These words give me pause. These words remind me that the Civil Rights Movement was born in the Christian Church, rooted in faith in Almighty God, and based on the teachings of Jesus. These words force me to ask myself: What am I doing today in the holy crusade for freedom and human dignity? What are we, as Church, doing today in the holy crusade for freedom and human dignity? What do the front lines of that crusade look like today, and how are we participating? What are the causes that require our urgent and vigilant attention today?

Please join me in asking ourselves these questions. And then let us answer, with our hands, our hearts, and indeed...with our very lives.



All are Invited to Serve Communion

The Servant Ministry sponsored a meeting last month to explore the meaning of the Lord's Supper as HPBC opened to all members the opportunity to serve Communion in worship and on visits as Open Door Ministry volunteers.

If you are interested in serving Communion, contact Fran Hattin, chair of the Servant Ministry.

Reflections in the Mirror By Sheila Allee

When I was in college, I was very active in Campus Crusade for Christ, an evangelistic, social and spiritual growth organization for university students. My Campus Crusade friends were my “tribe.” We had a lot of fun on retreats, at worship events and other gatherings.

We also studied the Bible in small groups and were taught that God has a plan for our lives. At the time, I believed that God’s “plan” was very precise. For example, I was convinced (and still am) that God intended me to be a writer.

I also believed that God had many specific things in mind -- specific places for me to work, specific people for me to relate to and specific cities for me to live in. Psalm 139 says God knew me before I was even born and wrote in his book all the days that were ordained for me. That seemed proof enough that God had mapped out at least a general plan.

Over the years, I prayed diligently that God would lead me in all my decisions. And looking back, I am sure that He did.

But my view of what constitutes God’s plan or will for my life has changed dramatically. I’m not saying I was wrong to look at life the way I did, just that my thinking on the subject has gone through a transformation. In the past few years, I’ve become more focused on how God wants me to live and less on what He wants me to do.

This change in attitude coincided with a sharp alteration in the direction of my life. After years of focusing on my career as a writer and communications professional, after a lifetime of believing that I was living out God’s calling through my writing, I found myself in circumstances that demanded something different from me.

In 2006, I took a job as a speechwriter for a government official. A year later, my job description changed completely and I was no longer doing any writing. Also that year, I assumed a caretaker role for my mom, and that role has become more demanding over the years.

Those of you who know Mom know what a great spirit she has and how strong and independent she can be. Our relationship, which was always close, has grown richer. And in the process, I have subtly altered my view of what constitutes God’s plan for my life.

This may sound hopelessly naive, but it seems to me that if we seek to adhere to the Beatitudes and to follow the example of Christ, we can’t help but fall in line with God’s plan.

At any rate, that’s how I look at it now. Humility, kindness, compassion, forgiveness, honesty – these are God’s will and God’s plan for me. God grant me the grace to cooperate with his plan.

Kids, Youth, and College Kids in Worship and Sunday School





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Life of the Church

S.I.S. Sisters in Service meets at the home of Mary Morgan on Feb. 10. SafePlace is our topic and mission.

Parenting and Spirituality On Feb. 15, Courtney Morton, LCSW, mother of two, and a family therapist, will lead a workshop called "Parenting Young Children: Incorporating Spirituality with Evidence-Based Practices." All are invited to this free workshop and childcare and snack will be provided. Invite your friends and RSVP at 512-453-6603 with the church office. The workshop is from 9:30 a.m.-noon.

God's Family Dinner at University Baptist, Thursdays 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. HPBC is specifically signed up to help on second and third Thursdays, Feb. 13 and 20 this month, but help is always needed. About 200 needy people each week get a hot meal at God's Family Dinner, thanks to Mac McKaskle's fine cooking. At least six kitchen helpers and dining room helpers are needed each Thursday.

Taize Our second Sunday Taize-style worship service is Feb. 9 and March 9. This candlelight service is held at 7:30 p.m. in the Atrium, with music, prayer, meditation, and celebration of communion. Rev. Melissa Russell leads the service; Brenda Nelson leads the music.

Men's Prayer Breakfast All men of the church and their friends are invited each Friday morning for a time of prayer and fellowship and food — 7 a.m., Sapp Hall, come enjoy breakfast with your friends.

Ministry Council "We are planning to talk about the goals for each of the ministries and the overall goals of the church for 2014 at the Feb. 16 meeting," says Ministry Council chair John Hastings. "We encourage church members to attend and provide their input and insight as we seek to find God's direction for HPBC." Ministry Council minutes for Jan. 19 are posted on the Member Home section of the church website.



**Ministry Council meets on third Sundays
in Sapp Hall after worship**

Sunday Morning Bible Study for all ages 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Taize Worship on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m., the second Sunday evening of each month
Please join us for music, prayer, meditation, and communion. All are welcome